Claims

[c1]   A method of consolidating data from multiple spread-sheets comprising:

selecting a plurality of spreadsheets;

selecting portions of data from files corresponding to each of said plurality of spreadsheets; and

executing automated consolidation of said portions of data comprising;

retrieving said portions of data;

generating at least one final report spreadsheet; and

appending said portions of data to said at least one final report spreadsheet.

[c2]   A method as in claim 1 further comprising selecting at least one workbook.

[c3]   A method as in claim 1 further comprising selecting at least one open workbook or stored workbook.

[c4]   A method as in claim 1 further comprising selecting at least one worksheet.

[c5]   A method as in claim 1 further comprising selecting said portions of data via a control panel.

[c6]   A method as in claim 1 wherein selecting portions of data comprises selecting at least one of rows, columns, cells, tables, filenames, workbook names, worksheet names, and spreadsheet names of at least one file corresponding to said plurality of spreadsheets.

[c7]   A method as in claim 1 wherein selecting portions of data comprises searching for desired text within said plurality of spreadsheets.

[c8]   A method as in claim 1 further comprising appending data to said at least one final report spreadsheet that is not within said plurality of spreadsheets.

[c9]   A method as in claim 1 further comprising storing a custom spreadsheet search associated with said plurality of spreadsheets and said selected portions of data.

[c10] A software program for consolidating data from multiple spreadsheets comprising:
a spreadsheet selection procedure for selecting a plurality of spreadsheets;
a custom search procedure for selecting at least a portion of each of said selected one or more spreadsheets; and
a final report spreadsheet generating procedure for generating at least one final report and appending said se-

lected portions of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report.

[c11] A program as in claim 10 further comprising control panel generator for selecting said plurality of spreadsheets.

[c12] Multiple spreadsheet data consolidation system comprising:

a monitor;

a storage device; and

a controller displaying a control panel on said monitor, said control panel comprising:

a spreadsheet selection area for selecting a plurality of spreadsheets; and

a custom search module for selecting at least a portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets;

said controller generating at least one final report spreadsheet and appending said selected portions of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets to said at least one final report spreadsheet.

[c13] A system as in claim 12 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a workbook selection area.

[c14] A system as in claim 13 wherein said workbook selection area comprises an open workbook selection.

[c15] A system as in claim 13 wherein said workbook selection area comprises a workbook search in a selected database.

[c16] A system as in claim 12 wherein said spreadsheet selection area comprises a worksheet selection area.

[c17] A system as in claim 16 wherein said worksheet selection area comprises a worksheet subset selector.

[c18] A system as in claim 12 further comprising a status indicator.

[c19] A system as in claim 12 further comprising an event logger.

[c20] A system as in claim 12 further comprising at least one window for selecting said plurality of spreadsheets and said at least a portion of each of said selected plurality of spreadsheets.